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Bob Cahalan Elected a Fellow Of American Meteorological Society

by Cindy Henneberger

Greenbelter Bob Cahalan of Maplewood Court formally accepted his election as Fellow of the American Meteorological Society (AMS) on January 17 in Atlanta, Georgia. The accomplishments that put Cahalan in the AMS's limelight at their 90th annual meeting had their beginnings long before that in the little town of Miamisburg, Ohio, where a bored young man with bad eyesight used to stare at the clouds outside his classroom windows.

"My teachers used to complain . . . 'Cahalan quit looking out the window. We're reading our assignment now,'" remembered Cahalan. Ironically teachers tried to pull his attention away from the very thing that helped gain him the attention of the science world.

Recognized for his pioneering work in understanding the role of cloud structure in climate, Cahalan has made giant strides in cloud exploration. In 1979 he joined the Climate and Radiation Branch of the NASA Goddard Space Flight Center and now heads the branch where his fascination with the atmosphere continues.

"Bob has been involved in many aspects of not only observing systems but also many aspects of trying to improve our capability to understand and model the climate of the earth," said Tom Karl, president of the AMS.

Clouds and Climate

Cahalan's research has produced greater knowledge about climate and global warming. Early in his career, Cahalan feared meteorologists were ignoring a major contributor to global warming and weather: the sideways reflection of the sun's light or photons off the edges of clouds.

"They assumed that photons



PHOTO BY MARGARET CAHALAN

AMS President Tom Karl, left, and incoming AMS President Peggy Le Mone, center, present Bob Cahalan with AMS Fellow Certificate.

only go downward or upward, they didn't let them go sideways and that started to worry me," Cahalan said. It turned out he had cause for alarm: clouds are not smooth spheres as previously assumed but are instead fractals whose complex edges are so vast their perimeters reach infinity. So the 3D sunlight reflections off

their edges are significant because basically clouds are virtually nothing but edges.

The solar heating from the 3D radiation was stealthily wreaking havoc on ice caps, glaciers and ice sheets and almost no one was paying attention. But Cahalan got

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Two More Towns Will Join Law Enforcement Aid Pact

by Barbara Hopkins

At its meeting on January 25, the Greenbelt City Council approved new software for the Planning Department and the addition of two more towns to an existing mutual aid agreement between the Greenbelt Police Department and those of other nearby municipalities. They also heard a report on new recycling bins. All councilmembers were present at the meeting.

Police MOU

The towns of University Park and Edmonston wish to join the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for law enforcement assistance that Greenbelt already shares with the municipalities of Bladensburg, Riverdale Park, Laurel, Mount Rainier and Hyattsville.

Captain Thomas Kemp of the Greenbelt Police Department told council the MOU group was formed after September 11, 2001, to provide more structured and legally-sound resource sharing between the municipal members. The MOU outlines procedures giving jurisdiction to officers from one city or town within the limits of another member's boundaries.

Kemp explained that cross-coverage between police departments was split about equally among

emergency operations; coverage for special events such as a parade, funeral or police banquet; and various traffic checkpoints. He said the agreement is obviously working well, since other areas are asking to join. Council unanimously approved the revised MOU to include the two new members.

Recycling Carts

Luisa Robles, Greenbelt's recycling coordinator, reported to council on a pilot program using rolling 65-gallon recycling carts at 50 addresses in the Boxwood neighborhood. Robles said the carts were distributed in March 2009 and last November the recipients were given a survey to assess the program's success. Of the 50 homes given the new carts and the survey only 13 (26 percent) completed and returned it.

All of the respondents liked the new carts and most said the larger rolling cart helped them recycle more. The carts have lids, which users reported as helping to keep the bins from appearing unsightly and kept the contents from spilling or blowing out on a windy day.

Some commented that it was

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Empirian Village and the City Reach Temporary Resolution

Greenbelt Director of Planning and Community Development Celia Craze reports that the city and Empire American Holdings LLC, owner of the Empirian Village apartment complex, have reached what she describes as a temporary resolution to the expired occupancy license at the complex. Craze indicates that the proposed agreement calls for the owner to pay the expired license reinstatement fee of \$100 per unit (\$278,700) and resolve outstanding violations of the Greenbelt Property Maintenance Code within the city-specified time frame. Signing of the agreement is expected to be completed this week.

If these conditions are met by the property owner, the city will renew the license to rent apartments. If the currently outstanding property maintenance violations are not remedied within the city-established frames or new violations are not fixed within a reasonable time, the city will revoke the occupancy license. If, in the future, the occupancy license at Empirian Village is revoked (rather than the current situation of an expired and not renewed license), the owner would be required to pay a penalty of \$200 per unit and all city property codes met before the occupancy license would be restored.

— Mary Willis Clarke

City Struggles with Budget Possibilities in Downturn

by Thomas X. White

At a Greenbelt City Council worksession held on January 20, City Manager Michael McLaughlin provided council with a mid-year report on the management objectives that had been part of the city's Fiscal Year 2010 budget adopted in June 2009. On the other hand, he was unable to offer much information on the city's fiscal outlook heading into preparation for the Fiscal Year 2011 budget.

At the meeting's outset McLaughlin said he had not yet received substantive financial data he could reliably provide regarding the city's fiscal prospects as he begins preparation of next year's budget. For council, this lack of data put a damper on the meeting's purpose intended as an exchange between council and the manager on ideas and suggestions before he begins, in earnest, to prepare his proposed FY11 budget.

Historically, this January worksession is a relatively recent addition to the city's annual budget cycle. The budget cycle begins in mid to late December with the gathering of data on the current fiscal year and into January with the manager's request to city department heads for proposed budget proposals and information. The manager and others then review these budget requests with the department heads and their staff.

Armed with such information, the manager and finance administration staff put together the manager's proposed budget which, according to the city charter, is to be presented to council at its last meeting in March. That proposed budget then undergoes council and citizen review through a series of about 10 worksessions in April and May

followed by the council's final approval and adoption at its first meeting in June.

For the past few council terms, however, a January pre-budget worksession has been scheduled affording council an advance idea of the manager's perspectives on likely upcoming budget issues and enabling council members to provide suggestions to the manager.

Good/Bad News

At the January 20 meeting, McLaughlin did, however, provide a nearly complete financial report of the city's current (FY10) fiscal year through December 2009. Happily those results are good. Indeed, the city may end the fiscal year in June 2010 with a slight surplus.

Council was provided with a six-month analysis of revenues and expenditures compared with historical results that was prepared by City Treasurer Jeff Williams. That report will be updated in February.

In a memo to council dated January 13 McLaughlin reported that informed recommendations on the budget required new property assessments data, which the state has not yet released. It may not be available, he said, until the end of January. The lack of this and other information from state and county agencies meant he was not able to provide broader information at this time. He reported that residential real estate assessments seemed to be down between 10 and 30 percent, calling it "bad news." McLaughlin described other bad news as cuts by Maryland Governor Martin O'Malley for up to \$530,000 thus far in Greenbelt allocations for highway user, gas tax and police

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What Goes On

Monday, February 1

7 p.m., City Council Worksession re: Interviews for 75th Anniversary Committee, Municipal Building (not cablecast)

7:30 p.m., Greenbelt Advisory Committee for Environmental Sustainability (Green ACES) Community Center, Room #114

Wednesday, February 3, 7:30 p.m., Greenbelt Advisory Planning Board, Community Center, Room #114
— Discussion of Citywide Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan
8 p.m., City Council Worksession re: Code Enforcement/Proposed Code Changes, Community Center

Letters to the Editor

Clothing Swap Is a Success

The second “Kids Clothing and Such Swap” was sponsored by the Greenbelt Mamas and Papas on Saturday, January 23 at the Youth Center. Participants donated infant and toddler clothing and shoes (birth to 18 months), feeding and bathing paraphernalia as well as nursing and maternity gear and miscellaneous items. Kids’ books didn’t last long! Toys were plentiful. Children had fun trying them out. There was even some adult clothing for the taking.

Councilmember Konrad Herling visited and shared his ideas about other ways Greenbelters can support each other (Welcome Wagon initiative). The Byers family and friends hosted a bake sale in which \$94 was collected and sent to UNICEF for the Haiti relief effort. Tasty home baked breads, cookies and muffins were enjoyed by many.

A host of moms and dads made this event happen and their energy and time are appreciated. The city donated use of the Youth Center multipurpose room for the event.

Feb. 13 Benefit

Initially leftover items were to be donated to the Pregnancy Aid Center in Berwyn Heights but due to the earthquake in Haiti, it was decided to host another swap as a yard sale with free-will donations to be collected for the Haiti Effort. (Buyers would give whatever they wanted for items and monies would be sent

to UNICEF and American Red Cross). Mark the calendar for Saturday, February 13 (no snow date) from 2 to 5 p.m. in the Youth Center multipurpose room for the Haiti benefit yard sale. There was a lot left over and it would be fine if people would like to contribute additional items to be sold. This time, whatever is left will be taken to the Pregnancy Aid Center.

Anyone who would like to volunteer is asked to email dansquaredfitness@yahoo.com.

Li'l Dan Celdran

Illegal Parking

Stop parking in the handicapped parking space if you are not handicapped!

On Saturday I drove five handicapped people to the Chipotle Restaurant in Greenbelt.

Many of the handicapped spaces were taken up by people who parked illegally because they didn’t want to walk far.

I blocked one illegally parked car while unloading my blind passengers. The person, illegally parked, honked their horn at me the entire time.

Remember this – parking in these spaces if you are not handicapped is not only very shameful but also against the law.

*Monique Jezierski
staff driver of the elderly and
of people with special needs
City of Greenbelt*

National Gallery Offers Free Concert Sunday

The West Building Court of the National Gallery of Art will be the site of a free, public concert on Sunday, January 31 at 6:30 p.m. The National Gallery of Art Vocal Ensemble with Great Noise Ensemble, Armando Bayolo, conductor, will present music by Bayolo and Carillo.

Gershwin Concert At National Gallery

On Wednesday, February 3 at 12:30 p.m. the National Gallery of Art will present a free concert by the New York Opera Society. Music by Gershwin will be performed in honor of a new gallery exhibit, “From Impressionism to Modernism.” This concert will take place in the West Building Lecture Hall.

Underground Railroad Is Genealogy Topic

The next meeting of the Prince George’s County Genealogical Society (PGCGS) will be on Wednesday, February 3 at 7 p.m., in the New Carrollton Municipal Building, 6016 Princess Garden Parkway.

After a brief business meeting, Christopher Haley will speak on the Underground Railroad in Maryland. All are welcome to attend this free presentation.

For additional information see www.rootsweb.com/~mdpgcgs or call 301-262-2063.

Delegate Healey State Scholarships Offered

State Delegate Anne Healey (District 22A) will award Maryland House of Delegate scholarships to students from her district, which includes Greenbelt.

Interested students can call the delegate’s office in Annapolis (301-858-3961) to have the application mailed to them or visit her website at www.delegatehealey.com to download it. Completed applications must be postmarked no later than April 15.

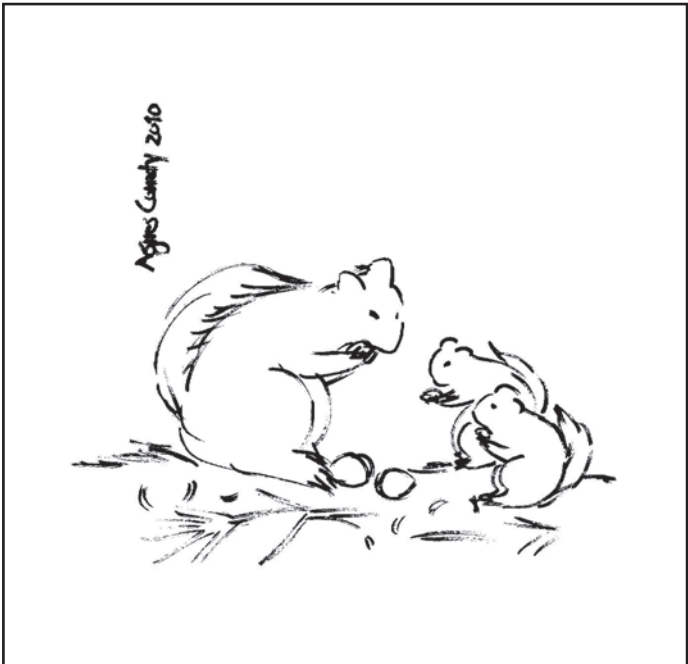
Scholarship awards will be announced in June for the 2010-2011 academic year.

Botanic Garden Tours Offered

What do manila folders, Chanel No. 5, vanilla and fossil fuels have in common? The answer is that they all come from plants on permanent display in the US Botanic Garden Conservatory. Take a lunchtime tour with a knowledgeable guide who will connect the exotic plant world to everyday life every Monday in February at noon. Visitors might see bananas and coffee ripening on the tree or learn about the next big breakthrough in medicinal plant research.

The tour is free and no pre-registration is required.

Grin Belt



“Hurry up so we can listen to the State of the Acorn speech.”

City Notes

Animal Control reports that four cats and two dogs were adopted. An opossum was removed from a trash can. There was one bite report received and two cruelty reports filed.

Public Works Horticulture crew assisted the Parks crew with clearing Crescent Road of dead limbs, trees and debris from Lastner Lane to Parkway.

Street maintenance crews filled in low areas at the cemetery and then seeded and put down straw.

Crew also cleared storm drains around the city.

Refuse and Recycling collected 27.07 tons of refuse and 14.97 tons of co-mingled recyclable materials.

CARES

The winter GED session began on January 12 with 26 students enrolled. The second session of the ESL class at Springhill Lake Elementary School began on January 13 only for the parents of students attending the school.

Correction

Two lines were inadvertently dropped in last week’s story about the Empirian Village tenant taking the apartment complex management to court on a rent escrow action. The first sentence of the second paragraph should have read (with omitted text underlined):

“While waiting for court to begin they described to this reporter the conditions they had experienced: water leaking through the electrical fixture and ventilation fan in the upstairs bathroom, sewage backups, windows that wouldn’t lock and squirrels in the roof.”



Billy Miller examines the hole in his bathroom ceiling in Empirian Village. Maintenance personnel had torn out a large section of the ceiling after it collapsed from the weight of water leaking from above. Miller and his fiancée Denise Otis moved out temporarily after they found black mold in the insulation.

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Be Counted!

OLD GREENBELT THEATRE

WEEK OF JAN. 29

A Single Man
(R)

Friday

*5:15, 7:30, 9:40

Saturday

*3, *5:15, 7:30, 9:40

Sunday

3, 5:15, 7:30

Monday- Thursday

*5:15, 7:30

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DEADLINES: Letters, Articles and ads—10 p.m. Tuesday. Materials for publication may be mailed to address above, deposited in our box in the Co-op grocery store (by 7 p.m. Tuesday) or brought to our office in the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, during office hours. Mail subscriptions—\$35/year.

Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.
OFFICE HOURS: Monday 2 - 4 p.m., Tuesday 2 - 4, 8 - 10 p.m.

Free Lacrosse Clinic!

On **Friday, January 29, 2010 from 8:00 to 9:00 p.m.**

the Prince George’s Lacrosse Club will hold a free lacrosse clinic for boys age 6 to 14 at the University Park Elementary School gymnasium. Players from the University of Maryland’s highly-ranked team will work with boys on passing, shooting, dodging and other skills. PGLC plays and practices at Duvall Field in College Park and invites all Greenbelt boys to play this spring. Come out and learn about this great sport!

For more information, call 301-927-7943 or visit www.PGLacrosse.com.



Community Events

At the Library
Storytimes
A librarian will read age-appropriate stories.
Tuesday, February 2, 1:30 and 2 p.m., Cuddletime for newborns to 17 months old with caregiver, limit 15 babies for each group.
Wednesday, February 3, 10:30 and 11 a.m., Toddlertime for ages 18 to 35 months, with caregiver, limit 15 children for each group.
Thursday, February 4, 10:30 a.m., Drop-in Storytime for ages three to five years, limit 20 children.
Caregivers are asked to pick up a free ticket at the Children's Desk.

GHI Notes
Thursday, January 28, 7:30 p.m., Board Meeting – Board Room
Monday, February 1, 7 p.m., Companion Animal Grief Support Group – GHI Library
7:15 p.m., Pre-purchase Orientation – Board Room
Tuesday, February 2, 8:30 a.m., Ad-Hoc Yard Lines Committee – GHI Library
7 p.m., Member & Community Relations Committee – GHI Lobby
Wednesday, February 3, 7 p.m., New Member Coffee Social – Board Room
Thursday, February 4, 7 p.m., Board Meeting with Police Department – Board Room
Friday, February 5. Offices closed (Emergency maintenance available: call 301-474-6011)
Committee and board meetings are open; members are encouraged to attend.

Golden Age Club
by Bunny Fitzgerald
The Golden Age Club held the monthly business meeting on January 6. We are on firm ground with finances, membership is growing and we have trips and activities planned. With the officers installed we are off to a good start for another year. We thank the City of Greenbelt for the support and help they give us.
Just a reminder: Now is the time to pay dues for 2010.

A bus trip is in the works for June 7 to 11 to the Smokey Mountains. This trip includes several shows, sightseeing and good food. The trip is open to everyone, not just club members. For more information call Mary Moien at 301-474-4713.

Arts Advisory Board To Meet on Tuesday
The Greenbelt Arts Advisory Board will meet on Tuesday, February 2 at 7 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.
For additional information call Staff Liaison Nicole DeWald at 240-542-2057.

Holy Cross Thrift Store

Every Thursday 10am – 4pm

Good, clean clothes for women, men and children!
Shoes, jewelry, books, etc.

6905 Greenbelt Road
Greenbelt, Md. 301-345-5111

New Toastmasters Club in Greenbelt
A new Toastmasters club forming in Greenbelt will meet on the first and third Monday of every month. The next meeting will be on Monday, February 1 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Greenbelt Youth Center at 99 Centerway.
The Toastmasters working to found this club are Dr. Marilyn Mack, a computer scientist working for NASA at Goddard Space Flight Center and Walter Stracke who works as a technical researcher for the Plant Industry Facility at the Agricultural Research Service in Beltsville.
For more information email marilyn.j.mack@nasa.gov or Walter.Stracke@ars.usda.gov with Greenbelt Club in the subject line or call Mack at 301-286-4638 or Stracke at 301-504-5634.

Greek Dancing Group Holds Open House
Syrtos, formerly known as the Greek Dance group of Greenbelt, will resume activities by hosting an open house dance session from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, January 31 in the dance studio at the Greenbelt Community Center.
In addition to demonstrating dances from various parts of Greece, the group will also teach newcomers simple pan-Hellenic dances done at Greek festivals held throughout the Washington area during the late spring and early fall.
Syrtos has been holding dance classes and social events for the past eight years at the Community Center. In addition to meeting weekly to socialize and learn new dances, the group often holds special parties and attends local Greek festivals.

The present round of dance classes will run for eight weeks and will meet in the dance studio on Sundays from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Individuals of all ages and levels of expertise are invited to join the group. No partner is required.

All You Can Eat
SPAGHETTI DINNER
JAN. 30
Mowatt Methodist Church
40 Ridge Road
5 – 7 p.m.
Adults – \$8
Children 6 to 12 – \$6
5 & Under Free
(Pies for Sale)



Multi-school Concert Monday Night at GES
On Monday, February 2 at 7 p.m. there will be a free cluster concert by a combined band and orchestra from Berwyn Heights and Greenbelt Elementary Schools and Greenbelt Middle School. The concert will be held at Greenbelt Elementary School. All are invited to come hear the combined bands and orchestras play together.

Explorations Talk On Alaska History
Want to learn more about America's 49th state? At the Explorations Unlimited on Friday, February 5, Michael Crane will speak on the history of Alaska.
Alaskan history reflects international European dynamics of the 18th century, North American dynamics in the 19th century and the global influences of the 20th century. Crane's presentation will frame the Alaska story in these external forces as it relates to the Native perspective.

Alaska history begins with the initial and subsequent Native migrations to the interior and coastal regions. Establishing permanent homes in the challenging environment is a pattern repeated by Europeans and North Americans. "North to the Future" is more than a motto; it is the spirit of residents and visitors to the 49th state. Economic, political and technological forces are the driving and limiting factors at each century milestone.
Crane has a graduate degree in coastal engineering and lived in Anchorage for 17 years, and worked an additional five years in marine areas of Alaska. Following a 40-year career in oceanography, Crane is a contract lecturer at Prince George's Community College and leads classes in oceanography, Alaska history, ocean explorers and art history.
Explorations Unlimited is held every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center in the Senior Classroom, room 114. All are welcome.
Call 301-397-2208 for details.

CARES Gets Grant For New Position
Liz Park, director of Greenbelt CARES, reports that the agency will receive up to \$35,000 to fund a delinquency prevention position from January 1 through December 31, 2010. The grant is part of an award to the Maryland Association of Youth Service Bureaus from the Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Program through the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention to fund 10 such positions throughout the state.
Park is seeking to hire a delinquency prevention counselor to work with youth and their families in the Empirian Village area by providing family counseling, conducting anger management or parenting groups and providing information and referral services to connect families with needed resources. She plans to advertise for an experienced bilingual counselor to provide direct services to Spanish-speaking families.
Park will look for future grant opportunities to continue this position after December.

More
Community Events
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Greenbelt Marching Band
March in 2010 Labor Day Parade. First meeting on 02/13, 3 PM, @ Greenbelt Community Center.
Call Beth 703-980-0667
bleamond@gmail.com

New Nuclear Power Renaissance or Nightmare?
A discussion about the proposed new Calvert Cliffs plant by Michael Mariotte, NIRS
Sunday, Jan. 31, 3-6 pm
Greenbelt Community Center
Peace & Justice Coalition
Greenbelt Climate Action Network

Special Exploration Of Using Cell Phone
On Monday, February 1 at 1:15 p.m. there will be a special Explorations Unlimited program on the use of cell phones. The session, in the Community Center multi-purpose room, will have students at St. Hugh's School demonstrating the use of the newest cell phone features – texting, programming and understanding all the functions of the latest cell phone technology.
Come for a free lesson on how to use all those cell phone bells and whistles.



Academy Stadium Theatres

Beltway Plaza Mall
Center Court
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ALL SHOWS BEFORE 5 p.m.
Adults/Seniors: \$6.50
Children: \$6.00
ALL SHOWS BEFORE NOON
ON SATURDAY \$5.00
ALL SHOWS AFTER 5 p.m.
Adults: \$8.50
Students/Military: \$7.50
Children: \$6.00
Seniors: \$6.50
R = ID Required
(!) = No pass, (!!) No pass weekend

Week of JAN. 29

FRI. – SAT.
Alvin & the Chipmunks "The Squeakquel," PG-13
11:50, 2:45, 5:20, 7:40
Up in the Air, R
10:20
The Spy Next Door, PG
11:50, 2:30, 5:20, 7:40, 10:20
The Tooth Fairy, PG (!)
11:40, 2:20, 5:10, 7:45, 10:30
Legion, R (!)
11:30, 2:20, 5:10, 7:45, 10:30
The Book of Eli, R (!)
11:20, 2, 4:50, 7:30, 10:20
Edge of Darkness, R (!)
11:20, 2, 4:50, 7:30, 10:20
Avatar, PG-13
11:40, 2:50, 6:20, 9:30
Lovely Bones, PG-13 (!)
11:40, 2:50, 6:30, 9:30

SUN.
Alvin & the Chipmunks "The Squeakquel," PG-13
11:50, 2:45, 5:20
Up in the Air, R
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The Spy Next Door, PG
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Edge of Darkness, R (!)
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Avatar, PG-13
12:20, 3:30, 6:45
Lovely Bones, PG-13 (!)
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MON. – THU.
Alvin & the Chipmunks "The Squeakquel," PG-13
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12:20, 3:30, 6:45
Lovely Bones, PG-13
12:20, 3:30, 6:45



Mardi Gras

St. George's Church is sponsoring its
annual Mardi Gras, February 13, 2010
from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m.
The cost: \$25 for advance tickets;
\$30 at the door; 10 and under free.
The celebration will include dinner,
silent auction, costume judging and dancing.
Childcare will be available for this event.
St. George's is located at 7010 Glenn Dale Road, Glenn Dale, Md. 20769.
Contact number for information: 301-262-3285





Greenbelt Arts Center
Final Weekend
Les Liaisons Dangereuses
January 29-30
Friday and Saturday at 8:00
Tickets are \$15 general admission,
and \$12 for seniors and students.
** Contains Adult Situations and Material which will be **
** inappropriate for younger patrons **



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• <http://www.greenbeltartscenter.org>
Located underneath the Greenbelt CO-OP

COMING SOON:
Planes, Trains & Automobiles - February 4 – 7, 2010
Interactive Opera – February 12 – 13, 2010
Greenbelt Voices - February 26 – 27, 2010. From Transition Theater

Call for Reservations at 301.441.8770

Obituaries

Marcette A. Lentz

Marcette A. Lentz, 86, of Greenbelt, formerly of Harrisburg, Pa., died Thursday, January 21, 2010, at Cherry Lane Nursing Center in Laurel. She lived in Greenbelt for 40 years, residing in Springhill Lake and later in 12 Court Plateau.

Born in Baltimore on March 30, 1923, to the late William and Zula Brady Lentz, she grew up in Harrisburg and Philadelphia, graduating from Olney High School in Philadelphia.

Ms. Lentz continued her education first at the University of Pennsylvania from 1947 to 1948 in fine arts. From 1949 to 1954 she attended George Washington University where she received a B.A. in psychology. She went on to study elementary education at the University of Maryland from 1958 to 1973. Working toward an M.S. degree, she continued at Temple University.

In 1949 Ms. Lentz came to Washington, D.C. She worked as secretary to the Joint Chiefs of Staff at the Pentagon, secretary at the Bureau of Indian Affairs in the Interior Department in D.C., secretary for Senator Paul Douglas and secretary to the Council for CEIR in Virginia.

In 1958 she began teaching in elementary school in the Prince George's County School System. She taught second and third grade for nine years and was an art specialist for 16 years. She was nominated for Outstanding Teacher in Prince George's County Schools. In 1983 she retired.

Travel was one of her chief interests. In 1966 she traveled to Mexico and Canada and in 1968 she went to 46 of the United States. She toured seven countries in Europe in 1972 and traveled to Hawaii in 1976.

Ms. Lentz' other interests included art – pottery, print making, drawing and crafts – carving, miniatures and macramé.

She believed in animal rights and welfare and volunteered at several local humane societies for 15 years.



Ms. Lentz enjoyed classical and country music. She was an avid reader and kept up with current events.

She was a member of Alpha Delta Kappa Sorority and the Maryland Art Education Association (MAEA) where she served as secretary for many years. She was the recipient of the Outstanding Service Award from MAEA in 1983. She was a member of the National Association of Miniature Enthusiasts and various Maryland art leagues.

Her survivors include several cousins.

Graveside services were held on Tuesday, January 26 at Shoop's Cemetery in Harrisburg. Arrangements were made by Hetrick-Bitner Funeral Home, Harrisburg.

In lieu of flowers expressions of sympathy may be made to the Humane Society of Greater Harrisburg, 7790 Grayson Road, Harrisburg, PA 17111.

(Contributions of information for this obituary were made by Debra L. Yocca, second cousin of Ms. Lentz.)

Senior Resource 2010 Accessibility Grant Program Open

Greenbelt has been awarded a grant to provide residents home modifications and accessibility equipment with installation which will enable qualified seniors and adults with disabilities to remain in their homes as long as possible.

The program is open to Greenbelt residents age 62 years and older or disabled (as determined by a Social Security disability award or disability pension award) with an annual income below \$44,800 for a single-person household or \$51,200 for a two-person household. Proof of assets and monthly income will be required. Applications will be evaluated based on demonstrated financial assistance and needs. The equipment awarded to each household will be determined based on number of applicants, funds available, priority and individual need. Applications will be considered on a first-come, first-served basis.

Call Julia Frank or Christal Parker Batey at 301-345-6660 for more information or for an application and informational brochure.

Applications are due no later than Wednesday, March 31 at 4 p.m.

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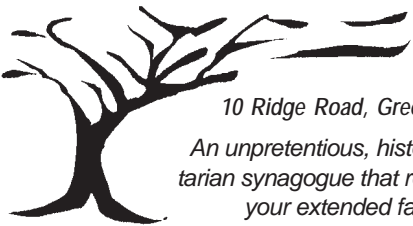
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Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.
Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:45-4:45 p.m.
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Cafh to Begin Meeting Here

On Saturday, January 30 from 5 to 6 p.m. a monthly meditation and dialogue series on the Cafh path of spiritual unfolding will begin meeting at the Greenbelt Community Center in Room 114. The first meeting will involve practice meditation and dialogue. The topic of the dialogue will be "nothing is permanent, all things are becoming."

More information about Cafh is available at www.cafh.org, by emailing Francisca Saavedra at francisca12@gmail.com or calling 240-353-7183.



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Home School Day At Aviation Museum

On Monday, February 8 College Park Aviation Museum will hold a special Home School Day from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Home-schooled families are invited to the museum for a day of aviation-themed activities and crafts that address science, math, language and art.

There is a small fee per child. Pre-registration is required; call the museum at 301-864-6029.

College Park Aviation Museum is at 1985 Cpl Frank Scott Drive in College Park.

Black History Exhibit Opens

On Sunday, February 7 from 2 to 4 p.m. there will be an opening reception for the Black History Month exhibition "Honor Roll of Excellence: Prince George's County Schools Named for African Americans" at the Harmony Hall Regional Arts Center in Ft. Washington. Call 301-202-6070 for reservations. The exhibition is open until February 28.

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Our Neighbors

Condolences to the family and friends from both Lakecrest Drive and Green Ridge House of longtime Greenbelter Irene C. Dickerson, who died on January 12, 2010, at the age of 85. She gave loving care to children, including her granddaughter Dayna, for many years.

We were sorry to hear of the death of Roland F. Behnke of St. Inigoes, Md., on January 16, 2010. He grew up in Beltsville as a member of the Behnke Nurseries family and graduated from Greenbelt High School in the class of 1950.

Our sympathy to the family and friends of longtime Greenbelter Marcette A. Lentz, 86, who died January 21, 2010. She was a teacher in the Prince George’s County schools, later becoming an art specialist. She retired in 1983. Funeral services were held in her home town of Harrisburg, Pa.

Congratulations to:
– Navy Seaman Recruit David L. Adams, Jr., son of Aretha L. Robinson and David L. Adams, Sr., who recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

– The following students from Eleanor Roosevelt High School, who were named 2009-2010 Maryland Distinguished Scholars. The award is given to the top seniors in the state based on their combined SAT scores and cumulative GPA of 3.7 or higher. There is also a category for the arts. Finalists are awarded a \$3,000 yearly scholarship if attending a Maryland university. Finalists in the academic category are: Alice Chang, Megan Cooley-Klein, Marika Nell, Blossom Tewelde, Ursula Tooley and Mia Werbos. Semi-finalists are: Melanie Dennis, Fayola Fears, Devin Fendlay, Sean Halper, Laura Jones, Melinda Pandian-gan, Thomas Senecal and Nirvan Sengupta. Megan Cameron was awarded Semi-finalist in the arts category. 41 students were awarded Honorable Mention.

Send us your reports of new babies, awards, honors, etc. to share with our readers. To send information for “Our Neighbors” email us at newsreview@greenbelt.com or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

– Kathleen McFarland

Botanic Garden Hosts Preschool Program

Bring a preschooler to the U.S. Botanic Garden for plant-related fun called Sprouts. Sign up for a one-month session and attend four different programs. Each Wednesday session will include varied activities which may include a story, art activity or walk in the garden. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Due to the nature of the program, participating children must be at least 3 years of age.

Sessions will be held from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the Conservatory Classroom. This program is free. Pre-registration is required; call 202-225-1116 to register.

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Artful Afternoon Has Mudcloth, Acrobats

Greenbelt’s next Artful Afternoon program will be held at the Community Center on Sunday, February 7 from 1 to 4 p.m. It will feature earth and sky, with African mudcloth making and Chinese acrobats at this free arts afternoon for all.

From 1 to 3 p.m. there will be a chance to reach down and touch the earth with the traditional art of African mudcloth painting demonstrated by Artist-in-residence Karen Arrington.

At 3 p.m. Chinese acrobats will stretch to the sky, performing amazing feats of balance, flexibility, coordination and strength. The troupe will be accompanied by an interpreter sharing information about Chinese culture, customs, history and school life. This professional troupe of three to four acrobats, age 16 and up, tumbles and flips, twists and bends in mesmerizing ways, turning their bodies into moving

works of art. Watch in amazement as they balance or juggle items such as porcelain jars, silk umbrellas, tables or each other.

The Community Center Art Gallery show is “Lost Cities: Paintings and Collaborations” by Katherine Mann, which will be on display through March 10.

Drawing

Enter to win free tickets to see the University of Maryland theatre department production of Hotel Cassiopeia at the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center or two tickets to the performance of the winner’s choice at the Greenbelt Arts Center. Enter any time prior to 2:30 p.m. at the Community Center Art Gallery. The winner will be announced at 3 p.m.

The first Sunday of each month Greenbelt Artful Afternoons offer a studio open house with the artists-in-residence and Greenbelt Museum historic home

tours. Activities are open to the public and free, with the exception of a nominal fee for the house tour. Artful Afternoons are also an introduction to the many art classes and activities offered by the city.

For more information about City of Greenbelt art programs visit www.greenbeltmd.gov/arts or call 240-542-2057.

Chinese acrobats will be on hand for the next Artful Afternoon on Sunday, February 7. In addition to their amazing physical feats an interpreter will also share information about Chinese culture.



City Information

MEETINGS FOR FEBRUARY 1-5

Monday, February 1, 2010, 7:30 pm, **GREENBELT ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY** (Green ACES), at the Community Center Room #114.

Monday, February 1, 2010, 7:00pm, **CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION**, re: Interviews for 75th Anniversary Committee at the Municipal Building. (not cablecast)

Wednesday, February 3, 2010, 7:30pm, **GREENBELT ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD**, at the Community Center, Room #114. On the Agenda: Discussion of the City-wide Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan.

Wednesday, February 3, 2010, 8:00pm, **CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION**, re: Code Enforcement/Proposed Code Changes at the Community Center.

This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000 or contact the City Clerk at cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov.

ANIMAL SHELTER PETS OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to Shannon and Pumpkin Pie on their adoptions. Come see the following pets:



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Frosty: Beautiful White and Gray female around 2 years old.

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Become a fan of the Greenbelt Animal Shelter on Facebook! Greenbelt Animal Shelter, located behind the Police Station at 550-A Crescent Road, is open on Wednesdays, from 4-7pm and on Saturdays from 9am-12pm or by appointment. For more information on any of these pets, call 301.474.6124. Thank you to all for your donations.

The shelter is still in need of KITTY LITTER ! Please drop off at the shelter any time.

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HOMESTEAD TAX CREDIT APPLICATION

If you own residential property in Greenbelt, in the past few weeks, you should have received your property’s Assessment Notice. If you live in Greenbelt Homes, Inc., it is the city’s understanding that notices will be sent out by the end of January.

Included with the assessment notice was an **Application for Homestead Tax Credit Eligibility**. The State of Maryland now requires owners of residential property to file this application in order to qualify for a Homestead Tax Credit. This credit limits the amount of assessment increase on which a homeowner actually pays taxes.

The application is a one-time application. Even with the recent drop in assessments, homeowners are urged to file the application, since it will be on record for any future increases. If you have a question, call the State Department of Assessments and Taxation at 1-866-650-8783 toll free.

You may file this form on line. Visit www.dat.state.md.us and click on the Homestead Tax Eligibility Application link.

75th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

The celebration of the City’s 75th Anniversary will occur in 2012. Applications are being accepted from residents interested in serving on this volunteer planning committee.

Applications are available on the City website, www.greenbeltmd.gov, or at the City Office Building, 25 Crescent Road. Council will begin interviewing applicants on Monday, February 1, 2010.

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. Vacancies exist on: **Advisory Planning Board, Arts Advisory Board, Public Safety Advisory Board, and the Youth Advisory Committee**
For more info call 301-474-8000.

SPRING AND SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION!

THE CAMPS PROGRAMS BROCHURE FOR 2010 IS NOW POSTED AT WWW.GREENBELTMD.GOV. REGISTRATION IS NOW BEING ACCEPTED BY THE GREENBELT RECREATION DEPARTMENT. DOWNLOAD THE CAMP BROCHURE NOW AND SECURE YOUR CHILD’S SPOT IN THE CITY’S VERY POPULAR PROGRAMS. IF YOU WOULD LIKE A HARD COPY OF THE BROCHURE, PLEASE CONTACT THE RECREATION BUSINESS OFFICE AT 301-397-2200.

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the word out by putting massive effort into quantifying sideways radiation, making it impossible to ignore. His work led to improvements in climate models and cloud observations. Now models produce more accurate weather data. They are also churning out more accurate global warming forecasts with sobering results.

Pulling out a red pen and flipping over printed emails, Cahalan drew what would become a series of pages spilling over with diagrams of photon wars. He showed how marine stratocumulus clouds are fighting to cool the earth by reflecting photons back out toward the sun. Then he drew cirrus clouds working to heat it up by allowing photons to pass through them to the earth but not to pass back out again once they bounce off its surface.

Scientists stack up on both sides of the issue to predict which photon team will ultimately prevail. “Which wins?” asked Cahalan. With the caveat that all bets might be off tomorrow, he said if he were forced to make a prediction, his hunch is that as the earth heats up the cirrus are increasing in number and the marine stratocumulus are waning. Both of these changes increase the net heating effect, so if they continue: the bad photons win.

Journey of Discovery

Cahalan’s ponderings about radiation, global warming and all things atmospheric have led him on an interesting journey. He started out in physics at Villa Madonna College in Covington, Kentucky.

While seeking his bachelor’s there, he met a young co-ed named Margaret Werner in a small chapel on campus. Two years later they met once again in a larger church. This time for a wedding: theirs.

Cahalan continued his studies at the University of Illinois in Urbana where he earned his Ph.D. in particle physics. It was in Urbana that Bob and Margaret had their first son Joel in 1971. They had their second son Gabriel in 1975 in Warsaw, Poland, where the couple lived while Bob was doing research and teaching in a time he calls his “traveling years.”

During this five-year span, Cahalan worked at several educational institutions while simultaneously teaching himself astronomy, meteorology and fluid dynamics.

After spending a summer at the National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR) in Boulder, Colorado, he decided to narrow his career focus to atmospheric science. This led him to the doors of Goddard in 1979 and also to the city of Greenbelt, where he and Margaret have lived ever since.

At Goddard Cahalan’s accomplishments began piling up. He is president of the International Radiation Commission, lead scientist for THOR lidar, NASA Project Scientist of the Solar Radiation and Climate Experiment (SORCE) mission and of its successor the Total Solar Irradiance Sensor (TSIS).

Though his career rose to new heights, Cahalan never forgot his first loves. He continues to be a leader in cloud exploration, this year he celebrates 42 years of marriage to Margaret and he remains what Cathy Newman, Goddard senior administrative assistant, calls “a gadget man.”

Dr. Gadget

Cahalan’s eyes widen when he discusses one of his favorite devices: “I am a gadget guy and sitting down the hall here, I have a multiple field of view telescope that is looking at a laser beam that I shine on clouds and ice.”

Rethinking his terminology, Cahalan said, “I’m not sure even saying gadget is the right way to put it. I like to be able to measure things that other people have not measured.” Thus his fondness for the insect-eye like Cloud Thickness from Offbeam Returns gadget, rather telescope. That is THOR to you.

Cahalan relates his penchant for technical devices back to his bad vision as a child. When he finally got glasses and discovered what it was like to see, it made him think about improving his sight further. “It’s not so much the gadgets for their own sake. It’s that they let me see things in a different way,” explained Cahalan.

Though hesitant to call THOR a gadget, Cahalan is not so shy about his other “high-tech toys.” His voice quickened and his hands motioned as he talked

about how he turns his iPhone into a measuring instrument.

“This is a whole scientific laboratory,” exclaimed Cahalan holding up his GS3. He has one hundred and twenty iPhone applications in all, including one that measures wind speed and another that tells temperature by sending out and retrieving sound waves.

One of the most useful devices in Cahalan’s repertoire is the mighty SORCE: four powerful instruments built at the University of Colorado that are unraveling the mysteries of the sun. Every day SORCE monitors the sun’s total and spectral irradiance.

The results have sent shockwaves out into the scientific community. Although humans are to be most feared when it comes to global warming, early SORCE findings indicate that the sun may be a co-conspirator.

CHEARS

“Bob is certainly very much interested in environmental issues,” said Goddard climatologist and Greenbelter Claire Parkinson, “He helps to bring his scientific expertise to issues of practical importance.”

Bringing his dedication to the earth down to a more personal level, in 2005, Bob along with Margaret co-founded CHEARS, the Chesapeake Education, Arts and Research Society (www.chears.org). CHEARS concentrates on matters at hand like the health of the Chesapeake Bay watershed as well as coordinating environmental improvement efforts between the shared ecosystems of Maryland, D.C., Virginia and Pennsylvania.

“He practices what he knows and what he believes,” said Greenbelter and distinguished University of Maryland professor, Eugenia Kalnay.

“If you look at your own location, say Greenbelt or the D.C. area or the Chesapeake watershed area: the more you understand that unique location, the more it applies to everything in the world,” said Cahalan.

Cahalan whipped out his iPhone to demonstrate this point. Would contaminated water start poring out of the microphone and be zapped clean by another application? Steve Jobs is still working on that one. So for

now, Cahalan just located a map showing U.S. waterways.

He pointed to the bay area. It was so small it didn’t register on the map.

“In some ways it’s typical of any watershed on the planet,” Cahalan pointed out. And therein lies the key. He is convinced that learning how to clean up the bay will shed light on how to improve waterways the world over. “If we can’t clean up the Chesapeake, we’ll never be able to clean up the Mississippi,” he declared.

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Attempted Murder

January 20, 9:33 a.m., 6200 block Breezewood Court. A person was approached by a man, struck and shot with a handgun, resulting in non-life threatening injuries. The suspect is described as a black male 18 to 19 years old, 6'1" tall with a thin build wearing a black North Face jacket with gray over the shoulders, a black skull cap, black mask, black pants and black shoes.

Attempted Robberies

January 15, 4:18 p.m., Springhill Lane at Breezewood Court. A man was approached by two young people who assaulted him and rummaged through his pockets before he could run away. One was described as an Hispanic male, 14 to 16 years old, 5'6" tall, wearing a black hat, black sweater with red stripes and tan pants and the other a black female, 13 to 14 years old, 5'3" tall with black hair wearing a white jacket with blue stripes.

January 17, 12:19 p.m., 6000 block Springhill Drive. A man approached a person and then fled on foot after a struggle. He is described as a black male, 28 years old, wearing a black jacket and black pants.

January 17, 4:57 p.m., 9200 block Springhill Lane. A person was approached by four males approximately 16 to 20 years old who demanded money. They fled when the person called for help.

DUI/DWI

January 17, 1:05 a.m., Kenilworth Avenue. A 29-year-old resident male was arrested and charged with multiple alcohol driving offenses following a traffic stop. He was released on citations pending trial.

January 18, 8:48 p.m., Lakecrest Drive at Lakecrest Circle. A 50-year-old resident male was arrested and charged with multiple alcohol driving offenses after a traffic stop. He was released on citations pending trial.

Burglaries

January 15, 2:04 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Court. A TV and computer were taken.

January 16, 10:55 p.m., 400 block Ridge Road. A vacant apartment was broken into but nothing was taken.

January 19, 1:37 a.m. in the 100 block Westway an attempted burglary took place.

January 20, 8:33 a.m., 100 block Westway. A laptop computer, purse, wallet and cellphone were taken.

Malicious Burning

January 14, 10:05 p.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace. A resident juvenile was released to a parent pending action by the Department of Juvenile Justice after being petitioned for malicious burning after setting a piece of paper on fire in the stairwell of an apartment building.

No License

January 18, 4:17 p.m., Cher-

City Awarded Grant For Police Radios

On January 14 the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention (GOCCP) awarded the Greenbelt Police Department \$204,984 as a grant for purchasing radios that would operate on the new Prince George's County 700MHz radio system. The new countywide system allows for seamless communications among all public safety agencies in the county. Each radio costs \$3,796.

The money originated from \$1.5 million in Federal Recovery Act grants, which were handed out by GOCCP to 23 municipalities in the county, including Greenbelt.

rywood Lane at Springhill Drive. A resident juvenile was petitioned for driving without a license after a traffic stop and was then released to a parent pending action by the Department of Juvenile Services.

January 19, 8:18 p.m., 6000 block Springhill Drive. A resident juvenile was petitioned for driving without a license after a traffic stop and was released to a parent pending action by the Department of Juvenile Services.

Drug Arrest

January 16, 6:34 p.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace. A resident juvenile was petitioned for possession of drug paraphernalia and released to a parent pending action by the Department of Juvenile Services.

Vandalism

January 19, 6100 block Breezewood Court. A window was broken.

Vehicle Crimes

One vehicle was stolen from the 9100 block Edmonston Terrace, a white 2008 Jeep Liberty with MD tags.

Three stolen vehicles were recovered. A black 1995 GMC Suburban with MD tags stolen from the 7700 block Ora Court was recovered by the Maryland State Police with no arrests made. A white 2007 BMW 750Li reported stolen through Prince George's County Police was recovered in the 6400 block Ivy Lane with no arrests made. A gray Ford Crown Victoria with MD tags stolen from Beltway Plaza Mall was recovered at Second and Taylor Street, NE, Washington, D.C., with no arrests made.

Thefts from autos were reported in five locations: 7900 block Mandan Road (PDA and Bluetooth device), 9100 block Edmonston Court (four tires with rims), 7900 block Mandan Road (cellphone and charger), 7400 block Greenway Center Drive (wallet), 500 block Crescent Road (purse).

One case of vandalism was reported in the 7700 block Cloister Place, where a sunroof was broken.

WANTED



Police are asking for information about the two people in this November 19 surveillance photo at the Beltway Plaza Marshall's who are wanted for questioning in a robbery case. Anyone with information is asked to call the Criminal Investigation Unit at 240-542-2133.

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easier to roll the cart to the curb than to carry the old ones. The recyclers also appear to like the new bins because they don't have to pick them up, resulting in fewer injuries.

Carts Available

Public Works has an additional 65 carts to be distributed; Robles said they recommend finishing distribution in Boxwood, using 50 carts, and providing homogeneity in that neighborhood for the collection teams. The remaining 15 carts would be given out in the Greenspring I subdivision in Greenbelt East, the neighborhood chosen because of its current high volume of recyclables.

Robles recommended that, as budget allows, the rolling carts should be distributed to all single-family homes in Greenbelt. Use of the carts in GHI could be problematic, however, she said, since not all courts have space for bringing the cart to a convenient pickup location.

If the budget provides for enough bins for GHI, she recommends a survey of GHI residents to gauge interest in the rolling bins and to determine their practicality there.

Mayor Judith Davis said the tipping fee for recyclables has gone down to \$5 per ton, while trash tipping fees are at \$54 per ton and going up to \$59. She pointed out that recycling more means saving money.

Planning Software

Director of Planning and Community Development Celia Craze explained to council the need for new database management software. She said the old software has not been updated since 1998 and inhibits staff's ability to record, manage and track its many cases.

She said the department is currently in "the stone age" and

could do much more with the information it collects with the appropriate tools. Many reports that could be run quickly on a computer are currently labor-intensive because of the antiquated software.

Five vendors were asked to provide demonstrations and quotes for new software, of which three were very expensive, according to a memorandum from Terri Hruby, assistant director of the planning department.

Utopia Community Development Software from Perconti Data Systems, Inc. provides all features needed by the department. The cost would be \$21,000, including \$16,000 for training and \$5,000 for converting existing data to the new program. The firm will waive the \$9,995 licensing fee if the product is purchased by February 28.

The annual maintenance fee of \$4,000 provides full phone support, five hours of custom reporting a month and updates. Councilmember Emmett Jordan asked Craze if full phone support were necessary or if another option would cost less. Craze said she would look into it.

Funds are available in the Special Projects Funds to cover the cost. The city's Information Technology team say they can handle getting the new software operational while also handling other workloads.

A resident in the audience cautioned that if the program runs on special development software there could be problems. Davis assured him, however, that the city's IT staff had reviewed the software and found it acceptable.

A resolution to approve the purchase was introduced for second reading and adoption by Councilmember Leta Mach. It passed unanimously.

Public Input Sought On Race to the Top

The Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) is seeking comment from interested persons as it prepares its grant proposal for the federal government's \$4.3 billion education initiative known as Race to the Top.

The new federal program is aimed at boosting student achievement, reducing gaps in achievement between student subgroups, turning around struggling schools and improving the teaching profession. To help frame Maryland's proposal, MSDE has convened a committee of educators and leaders.

A link to information on Maryland's Race to the Top initiative can be found on the MSDE webpage at www.MarylandPublicSchools.org. Comments are due by March 15. Maryland intends to apply in the program's second round, with applications due June 1.

Arbogast to Be Chief Of Accountability

The Prince George's County Board of Education has selected Dr. Allan Arbogast as the new chief officer of Academics/Accountability for Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS). Arbogast will begin on February 1 and will oversee departments including curriculum and instruction; research and evaluation, testing, charter and contract schools; strategic planning and grants development; and teacher leadership and professional development.

In his previous position as senior manager for academic accountability for Anne Arundel County Public Schools, Arbogast created processes which allowed schools to successfully utilize data to improve student achievement. He brings a wealth of knowledge and success as it relates to school improvement, instructional leadership and building workforce capacity.

Special Education

Additionally, the board of education selected Joan Marie Rothgeb as the interim director of special education for PGCPS. Rothgeb has served in various positions in the Department of Special Education including instructional supervisor, assistant supervisor and special education specialist over the past 20 years. Most recently, she served as the supervisor of testing for PGCPS. She began her appointment as interim director on January 19.

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aid revenue.

For Fiscal Year 2009 the state cuts represent a nearly 90 percent reduction in highway user revenue with Greenbelt receiving only \$50,000 total and no indication that these state shared revenues will be restored in FY11. An additional hit from the state is a proposed payment increase for the city's contribution to the State Retirement/Pension system of 18 percent or approximately \$300,000. A letter challenging such an increase at this time will be sent to state officials.

Listed in the memo as "Good News" was \$3,000,000 in accumulated homestead property tax credits that could serve to "cushion" the reduction in property tax assessments for residential properties. Noting that the \$3 million is equal to 28 percent of the city's single-family residential assessment, the memo indicates that the city is not sure how these credits will align with the assessment reductions.

Other good news from the staff perspective was that the assessment data on rental apartments and office buildings have held steady with current year values. Other than highway user and gas tax cuts, city revenues are on-budget for FY10 and, because of retirements, the public safety budget may be held at the FY10 level.

Although McLaughlin could offer limited hard data on the fiscal prospects for FY11, the memo was able to outline several "Big Ticket" items as guidance to elicit feedback from councilmembers.

Raise Taxes?

1. *Can the tax rate be increased to offset lost revenue from declining assessments?*

The memo explains that a slight raise in the property tax rate could make up a portion of the revenue lost because of declining assessments. A one-cent increase in the rate would raise approximately \$200,000. One problem with this scenario, however, is that assessment declines among property owners are uneven, ranging from 10 to 30 percent.

Cut Compensation?

2. *Can the city's compensation package be reduced?*

The city manager gave kudos to previous councils for being protective of city employees in job protection and pay and benefits. He noted his preference for options that would not include layoffs or reductions in take-home pay.

He suggested that one vehicle for possible savings would be to suspend the city's deferred compensation program where the city's match ranges from 28 to 45 percent of an employee's salary. Estimated savings would be \$450,000.

Another option would be to postpone filling two vacant inspector positions. Although the savings would be almost \$200,000, eliminating one position would reduce the capacity for building code inspection at Empirian Village. That possibility was tempered by news announced at the worksession that the city has reached tentative agreement with the owners of the Empirian Village apartments on payment of \$278,700 to renew their rental license for the project.

Other compensation-related savings included rescinding the

popular voluntary city program for buy-back of surplus annual leave from employees with a savings of \$70,000, consideration of furloughs of employees that would save an estimated \$55,000 for each day of furlough and making an adjustment to the city's contribution to employee health insurance.

Changing the benchmark for the city contribution from the middle tier of the city's health plan to the lowest cost tier would save \$140,000. The memo noted that these last two options would reduce either take-home pay or retirement contributions for employees.

Defer Theater?

3. *Can the theater renovation project be deferred for two to three more years?*

The current (FY09) budget calls for a transfer of \$200,000 from operating funds to help fund the theater renovation. An overall estimate for the long-delayed project is over \$1,000,000. The manager's memo indicated that unless additional funds are provided in FY11, sufficient funds may not be available to undertake the project.

Defer Projects?

4. *Can changes be made to this year's capital and other funds?*

Here the memo suggests that a number of capital projects could be deferred and the savings carried over to next year, lessening the need to set aside General Funds next year. The memo lists potential projects totaling \$97,000 that could be deferred, including foregoing scheduled improvements to Westway, gateway signs, Schrom Hills Park bollards and traffic calming.

Cut Programs?

5. *Can programs be reduced or cut?*

Noting that past councils have been reluctant to reduce the levels of services provided to citizens, the manager asks, "Will program reductions be on the table for discussion?" The memo hedges a bit by noting that reductions impacting full-time classified employees would be avoided and reductions would be aimed at part-time non-classified and contract positions. The memo asks, "How about contributions to various groups?"

When the time for feedback from council arrived, Mayor Judith Davis asked, in light of the paucity of information, "Should we even do this? Or should council schedule another worksession?"

Council Thoughts

They proceeded on anyway, addressing the questions posed by the manager. Harkening back to the prior year (FY09) budget, council suggested an approach offered then by Councilmember Edward Putens where the staff was requested to provide options for a 1 percent, 2 percent and 5

percent reduction to the manager's proposed budget. McLaughlin reminded council that his reaction last year was that he could come up with 1 percent or 2 percent reductions fairly easily but that achieving a 5 percent reduction would require cutting a substantive program from the budget.

For this year he seemed to be saying that, depending on how bad the news is, maybe a 5 percent cut may be necessary.

Councilmember Leta Mach suggested that the informal election survey might offer some guidance on what could be cut. Davis agreed, noting she would prefer cuts over any suggested increase in the tax rate.

In addition to the election survey, she noted that she had asked residents during campaign door knocking what would you cut or not cut. The results were mixed, she said. Maybe the city could cut in the area of flowers, tree work and, based upon the poor turnout this past New Year's Eve, take a pass at funding that celebration.

Councilmember Emmett Jordan suggested taking a look back three or four years to see where the city revenue and expenditures were then and consider that level as a budgetary goal.

Councilmember Konrad Herling would only consider raising taxes, he said, if, due to the assessment decrease, the actual taxes raised would be about the same. He asked if there were other means for raising city revenue, such as marketing efforts to help assure that commercial space was fully utilized.

The vacant post office space at the lower Roosevelt Center was

mentioned as an example. Jordan agreed. He said the city should ask, "What are our assets?"

Herling also cautioned that there are interconnections among traditional Greenbelt services, such as Greenbelt CARES, social services, recreation programs and public safety. Greenbelt residents take a look at all of the city's features when they consider what level of quality of life they want the city to provide.

Putens opined that if the city faces a 10 percent reduction in revenue, every department should be cut 10 percent. He said council really does not have adequate information at this time to provide guidance to the manager.

Davis, however, ventured some guidance on the compensation package. She noted that if employee levels were in question, all full-time positions should be maintained. She agreed to consider pulling back on deferred compensation.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts appeared to be open to cuts in certain areas. He said residents are already suffering from the recession and loss of value to their homes.

Councilmember Silke Pope also recognized there may have to be cuts but wondered what we are comfortable with. Roberts suggested that staff look at cutting contracted services before reducing city employee levels.

Theater Project

Perhaps the most frustrating item reacted to by council was the suggestions from the city manager about possibly delaying the theater renovation. Several councilmembers worried about the delay as jeopardizing state

and other grant funding for the project.

Mach expressed the view that the project had been sold to citizens in a bond issue referendum nearly a decade ago and that the city has an obligation to accomplish the renovation.

Roberts said he had promised council he would be seeking outside estimates for the renovation and he would try to have those results soon.

At the close McLaughlin hoped that more information will be available to enable informed budget decisions and that, in the final analysis, he has the responsibility to prepare a budget for submission to council at the end of March.



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Former Tenant Describes Empirian Village Issues

by Kathleen Norvell

I lived in Springhill Lake/Empirian Village from June 2005 to the end of November 2009. My experience there was probably typical – difficulty getting maintenance done.

It took me about a year and a lot of phone calls, for instance, to get a leaking ceiling vent in the bathroom repaired. I finally had to use the dreaded word “mold” to get attention. They had to fix the roof (I lived on the top floor) and replace the fan. The biggest problem was the building laundry room, both before and after the complex was sold. The first time, a lot of leaves got into the room, blocking the floor drain. The room flooded and the water just stayed there – for months.

No number of phone calls from residents could get anyone to do anything. I called maintenance several times. Finally I called the city’s Code Enforcement office because who knew what was lurking in that mess of dead, wet leaves and debris. Maintenance finally fixed it.

In 2009 a leak developed in the ceiling directly above one of the washers. Nobody came to fix it and it dripped for months. I called about it at least three times in the course of a month but could get no response.

Once again, I called Code Enforcement for the City of Greenbelt — black mold had developed on the wall and the washing machine was half full of water from the leak. Once again Empirian Village maintenance fixed the problem only after Code Enforcement inspected.

There is supposed to be an annual inspection of the AC units and replacement of AC filters. Nobody ever came and did that in my unit. In 2008 I pulled the filter and changed it myself, even after maintenance had left a

note that they had been there and changed the filter. I had a piece of furniture partially blocking the door to the furnace room and nobody ever moved it.

No consistent communication takes place between management and tenants. I have to admit that the company that bought the complex tried to fix it up and keep up with maintenance, at least for a while, but I’m sure they were quickly overwhelmed.

I think the complex could be really nice but it has to be run by someone who does not mind spending money on real maintenance, rather than cosmetic work. I truly liked my apartment, which was bigger with more usable space – especially closets – than the house to which I moved.

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Your Greenbelt Specialists

“I love seeing kids connect in Camp Fire.” – R. Pezzuto

by Altoria Bell Ross

Rosemary Pezzuto, executive director and CEO of Camp Fire USA whose corporate offices are located in Greenbelt’s Empirian Village, has been a member all of her life – well, almost, but the essence of the organization was instilled in her at an early age by her mother and grandmother who were both actively involved with Camp Fire.

“I love being outdoors,” said the mother of three college students. “I love seeing kids grow. I love seeing kids connect in Camp Fire.” In what Pezzuto called an intentional youth development program, she said Camp Fire is inclusive no matter where a child lives and whether that child is being raised in a traditional family, a single-parent family, by grandparents or same-sex partners.

Work, health and love, otherwise known as Wohelo, are the watch words for Camp Fire, but these words, along with the motto – to give service – could also be Pezzuto’s life theme. After watching her mother who was a social worker, homemaker and registered nurse care for sick people who didn’t have access to healthcare in Crockett, Calif., Pezzuto had a model to emulate. It was in this community that Pezzuto became a Blue Bird, originally introduced for younger girls but which now includes boys and is known today as the Starflight program, the second level for children kindergarten through second grade of Camp Fire USA.

As Pezzuto climbed through the various levels of the organization, she earned the Wohelo Award, which is the equivalent of the Boy Scouts Eagle award. Pezzuto took her Camp Fire experience with her into higher education where she earned a master’s degree in social work from California State University in San Diego and another master’s in education from Notre Dame de Namur University in Belmont, Calif. However, Pezzuto did not leave her Camp Fire roots behind. She became a camp and field director between degrees.

This education and Camp Fire training came in handy as the youth minister of the Archdiocese of D.C. for three years and in the U.S. Coast Guard, serving as chief of family support programs. Pezzuto retired after 20 years in 1995.

CEO

But her work in the community didn’t. Since college Pezzuto worked as a Camp Fire board director across the U.S. and then in 2002 became CEO of the Patuxent Area Council Camp Fire USA. At that time, the corporate office was in Silver Spring, helping families in Prince

George’s and Montgomery counties, the District of Columbia and parts of Northern Virginia. With an invitation from the management at Empirian Village, the corporate office moved to the apartment complex in April 2009 with funding from the Greenbelt Community Foundation. Her staff includes six part-time workers and 35 volunteers.

“We are not doing this in a vacuum,” said Pezzuto. “We work in partnerships to build capacity among the community.” Such partners include Greenbelt CARES, United Way, the Greenbelt Recreation Department, the Greenbelt Police Department and United Communities Against Poverty (UCAP) that help families achieve self-sufficiency and stability.

Summer Camp

Gwen Ferguson, CEO of UCAP in Capitol Heights, said she has worked with Pezzuto transporting children from Capitol Heights to Greenbelt for the summer camp Camp Fire USA offers at Empirian Village’s transitional housing program. The camp provides breakfast and lunch to children of low-income families who were once homeless.

“It’s been a great partnership with services geared toward youth engagement, helping them to develop and grow,” Ferguson said. “She [Pezzuto] offers a great resource for our families, many in transitional shelters who could not afford this wonderful opportunity for children to go on field trips.”

The Greenbelt Police Department is also a primary partner with Camp Fire. “Rosemary has done an excellent job with management and helping kids,” said Public information officer Kelly Lawson. “Greenbelt police have been excited to support her however we can in her efforts.”

In addition to the summer camp, Camp Fire USA offers a winter camp in collaboration between the City of Greenbelt, Empirian Village Apartments and Bishop McNamara High School which 35 children attended a few weeks ago. The organization conducts Middle School Teens in Action on Tuesday evenings and cosponsors with the MetLife Foundation the Hold On to Health curriculum for children and families, to encourage kids to have healthier lifestyles. Camp Fire USA also trains partners for aftercare programs including the one at Springhill Lake Elementary School. In addition, Pezzuto has helped the Empirian Village community through the major fire last year and a recent power outage that left 98 families in the dark by soliciting from the public donations and distributing gift cards, food and clothing.

Job Training

Camp Fire also aids members of the community in locating jobs. Earlier this month residents came to the Camp Fire center to begin a six-week training and job placement assistance for green jobs offered through UCAP. Last week the Camp Fire center was a testing site for Census Bureau jobs.

Asked how she earns the community’s trust, Pezzuto said it just happens. “You be where you are and give them a chance to have a voice. [You] allow them to make a mistake and not be defined by the mistake but [rather] by who they are. [You] let them come to a place that is theirs,” Pezzuto said.

That place happens to be at Camp Fire USA in Greenbelt where Pezzuto said that 150 children participate in its programs. Nationally, Camp Fire USA provides nearly 22 million program hours each year in hundreds of communities across the United States. Founded in 1910, Camp Fire offers girls and boys from birth to 21 years opportunities to build confidence, independence and develop awareness of who they are and who they can be.



Campers jumping for joy as they practice their exercise routine – Anthony Oates, Adrian, Shanise Woodward and Asia Allen.
– photo by Trevor Hammond, teen member, Camp Fire USA

Upcoming Events at Empirian Village

- The following ongoing activities are scheduled:
- Teens in Action Tuesday nights – 5 to 7 p.m.
 - SHARE Food Network – February 26 from 4 to 6 p.m. at Empirian Village. Payment of \$20 due Thursday, February 11 for a box of food.
 - March 17 – Art Show. Location to be determined
 - July 31 – Along with 30 other Camp Fire USA sites, the Empirian Center will light the centennial fire and tend the flame for 24 hours. Location to be determined.
- All activities are open to the public.
- The Camp Fire USA Patuxent Area Council is located at 9220 Springhill Lane and may be reached at 301-346-7860 or CampFirePatuxent@aol.com. See www.campfireusa-patuxent.org for more details.

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